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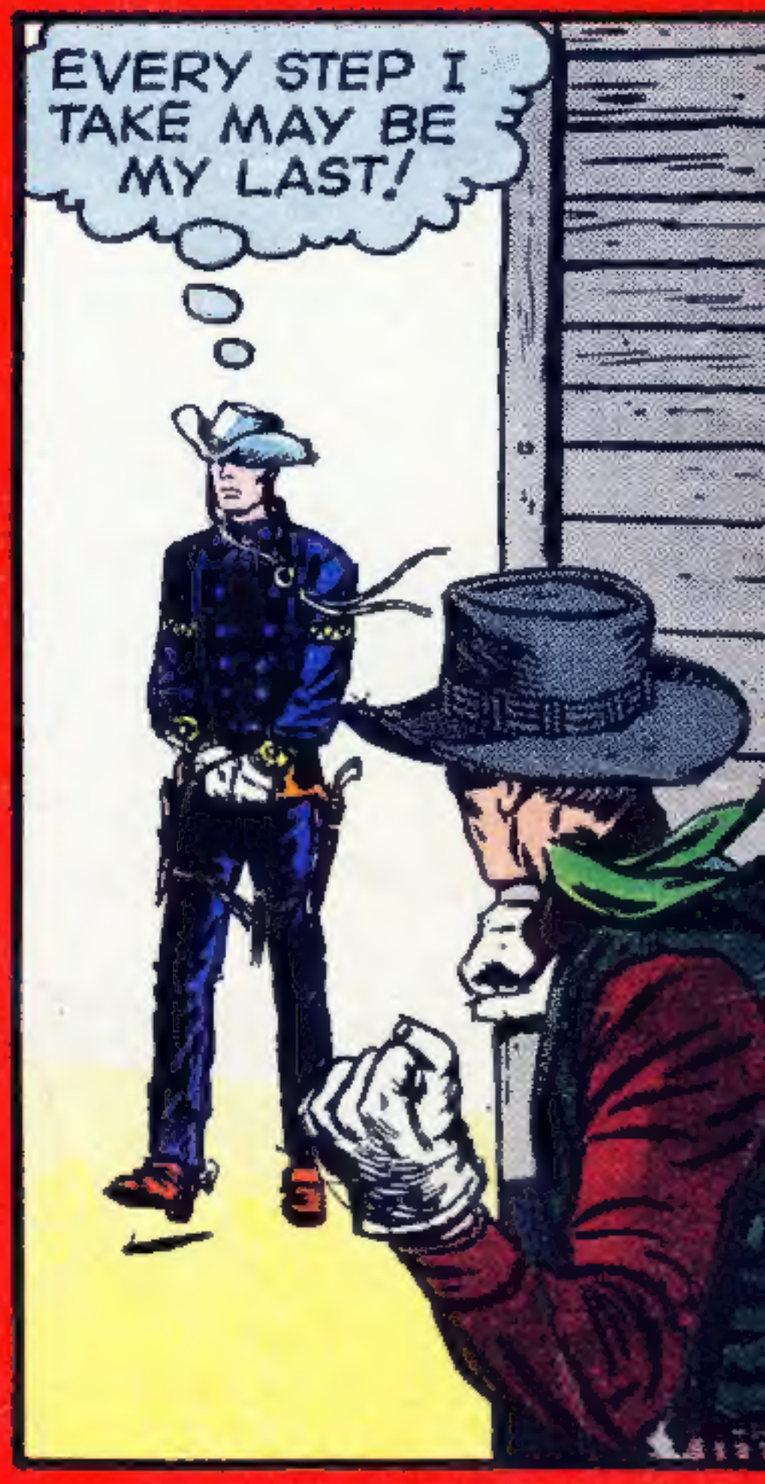

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"SHOWDOWN in SILVER CITY!"

LOOK! GETTING ON THAT STAGE! IT'S THE **RAWHIDE KID!**

DON'T LET 'IM SEE YOU STARIN' AT 'IM!

THAT'S RIGHT! I HEAR TELL HE'D **SHOOT** A HOMBRE IF HE DIDN'T LIKE THE WAY HE LOOKED AT 'IM!

THAT'S **ONE** STAGE I WOULDN'T WANNA BE RIDIN' ON!

HOLD ON THERE, MISTER! YORE THE **RAWHIDE KID,** AIN'TCHA?

MAYBE I AM, HOMBRE-- SO WHAT?!?

Stan Lee

I DRIVE AN HONEST COACH! AND I HEARD OF YORE **REP,** KID!

MISTER, I DON'T LIKE TO BE TALKED TO THAT WAY!

DEPOT

HEAD FOR COVER! THE KID'S RILED UP!

MATT SHOULD NEVER HAVE SPOKE TO 'IM THAT WAY!

THERE'LL BE A SHOOT-OUT FOR SURE!

NOW LOOK, HOMBRE! I BOUGHT A TICKET AND PAID CASH! I'M ENTITLED TO A RIDE TO SILVER CITY AND I INTEND TO **TAKE** THAT RIDE, SAVVY?

ALL RIGHT, KID! I JUST WANNA MAKE SURE YOU AIN'T AIMIN' TO START ANY **TROUBLE,** THAT'S ALL!

DID YUH SEE THE WAY MATT BACKED DOWN?

WHO **WOULDN'T** BACK DOWN WHEN THE **RAWHIDE KID** GETS TOUGH?

ALL BOARRRD!

HOPE YOU DON'T MIND ME SHARIN' THIS CABIN WITH YOU, MISTER!

I'M A HOMBRE WHO MINDS HIS OWN BUSINESS, KID! I GOT NO OBJECTIONS!

AND SO BEGINS THE STAGECOACH RIDE TO SILVER CITY-- A RIDE WHICH IS DESTINED TO LEAD THE RAWHIDE KID INTO ONE OF HIS MOST DANGEROUS AND UNUSUAL ADVENTURES...

AS THE SPEEDING STAGE ROLLS ALONG THRU THE WILD, DANGEROUS FRONTIER, THREE PAIR OF HOSTILE EYES FOLLOW ITS PROGRESS FROM A PLACE OF CONCEALMENT IN THE ROCKY CRAGS ABOVE...

HERE SHE **COMES**, WOLF!

YEAH, RIGHT ON SCHEDULE!

SHUT UP AND START MOVIN'!

WE'LL ATTACK IT AS IT CROSSES THE STREAM YONDER! IT'LL **HAVE** TO SLOW DOWN THERE, AND THEY WON'T HAVE A CHANCE!

THEY'LL BE REAL EASY PICKIN'S!

THAT CLOUD OF DUST YONDER -- LOOKS LIKE SOME HORSEMEN HEADIN' BENT-FOR-LEATHER TOWARDS US!

YEAH! JUST WHEN WE CAN'T GET UP ANY SPEED! I DON'T LIKE THE LOOK OF IT!

OWLHOOTS!

LOOKS LIKE WE GOT US A **FIGHT** ON OUR HANDS!

THEY--THEY WINGED ME!

I'VE GOT TO STOP THE HORSES AFORE THEY RUN WILD! THERE'S A **CLIFF** UP AHEAD!

NO, KID! I KNOW YOUR REP WITH A GUN! YOU STAY **HERE** AND SHOOT IT OUT WITH THOSE COYOTES WHILE **I** GET THE HORSES!

OWW! MY SHOULDER!

HANG ON!

GOT YUH! NOW DON'T LET GO! I'LL PULL YOU BACK IN!

NO--DON'T RISK YOUR OWN LIFE! THEY'LL GET **YOU** NEXT!

MISTER, I CAN'T LET A MAN FALL UNDER THOSE WHEELS WHILE I GOT A BREATH LEFT IN ME!

NOW I'LL PUT **THEM** ON THE RECEIVIN' END!

UGH!

NOBODY CAN SHOOT THAT GOOD FROM A SPEEDIN' STAGE! UNLESS IT'S--OWWW!

I MIGHTA GUESSED--THAT'S THE **RAWHIDE KID** IN THERE! WHOA, BOY! HOLD ON! WE AIN'T TANGLIN' WITH **HIM!**

YOU DID IT, KID! YOU **BEAT 'EM!**

BUT WE'RE NOT OUT OF DANGER YET! I'VE **STILL** GOT TO STOP THE TEAM!

WISH I COULD HELP--BUT--I--I'M BLACKIN' OUT...

THE CLIFF'S UP AHEAD! ONLY SECONDS TO SPARE!

GOT TO MAKE IT!! **GOT TO!!**

IT'S NOW OR NEVER!

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TIE YOUR SIXGUN LOW

BOB SLADE shouldered his way through the batwing doors of the Last Chance Saloon, and stood on the boardwalk waiting. He hitched up his gunbelt and tested the draw of the gun in its greased holster tied low on his right thigh. Soon the sun, that hung just above the horizon like a huge drop of blood, would sink. Sundown. And then Jeb Briggs would come walking down that wheel-rutted street, slow-like, with his spurs jingling like they always did. Jeb Briggs, rustler, bank robber, murderer and the fastest-drawing outlaw this side of the Pecos, had walked into his office this morning and said:

"Slade. We don't want no marshals in Bonanza City. Get out of town by sundown or draw when you see me."

Bob Slade, newest marshal appointed by the governor to clean up Bonanza City, leaned against the hitching rack now, and built a smoke. The sound of footsteps behind him, made him whirl, slapping the leather on his thigh.

"It's only me Mr. Slade. Jerry Knowles."

Bob's eyes narrowed as he looked at the gangling young boy moving towards him. "What are you doing out here, son? Get inside," he said, "there's going to be shooting out here soon."

"I know," whispered Jerry. "I come out here to warn you. I—I heard 'em talking out behind Gantry's General Store. There's three of 'em, all Jeb Briggs' boys and they're looking to bushwhack you. When you walk down Main Street to meet Jeb, they'll get you in a four-way crossfire."

Bob looked at the boy thoughtfully, and inhaled deeply on his cigarette. He blew the smoke through his nostrils and his jaw was tight as he muttered. "I knew that belly-crawling sidewinder would never meet me in a fair showdown." He looked at the sun perched ominously on the horizon. Soon it would go down, but maybe there was time. He said to the boy, "Show me where they are."

Jerry Knowles looked up at Bob and there was a worshipful look in the boy's eyes. Then without saying a word, he turned and motioned for Bob to follow him. They moved quietly around the side of Johnson's barber shop, and although they were out of sight they could still hear the voices.

"—You got everything straight, Jenks?"

"Yeah. I take him from the hotel window. George here hides in the alley near the hardware store, and you come out of the saloon."

"Right," snapped the voice. "Now let's get going."

At this Bob stepped into view. He flipped his cigarette into the air and it made a fiery arc that ended at the feet of the three men. Before it hit the ground, Bob had drawn his gun and covered them.

"You boys ain't going anywhere just now," he said. "Drop your gunbelts—quick now—and don't anyone be so foolish as to let his hand stray near the butt of a gun."

"But, marshal, we ain't done nothing," the one called Jenks said.

"It's not what *you done* that I'm worried about," said Bob, "but what you're aiming to do. Now shuck those belts quick or I'll start doing some things myself."

The three men complied, and as the belts clattered to the ground, Bob said to Jerry. "Now, son, get those guns over here, and then tie those critters up with their own belts."

Jerry did as he was told, and Bob handed him one of the outlaw's guns and said. "Now keep an eye on them. I've got some other business to attend to."

The sun was half hidden behind the rolling hills, as Bob walked quickly back to the spot in front of the saloon. Now at least it would be fair. Now if he got it, it would be only one bullet. And it would be in his front, not in his back. Sweat had formed in the palms of his hands, and he rubbed it off

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MADE IT!

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THE KID RUINED MY PLAN! HE SAVED THE STAGE AND RESCUED THE DRIVER! BUT I'LL PAY 'IM BACK FOR IT! BECAUSE I'VE GOT A BETTER PLAN THAN **EVER** NOW!

I NEVER REALIZED HOW MUCH I **LOOK LIKE** THE KID WITHOUT MUH WHISKERS! SO ALL I GOTTA DO IS SHAVE 'EM OFF, AND THE KID'LL NEVER KNOW WHAT HIT 'IM!

THE NEXT DAY...

THERE HE IS... THE RAWHIDE KID!

I HEAR TELL HE SAVED THE STAGE YESTERDAY!

MEBBE WE ALL HAD 'IM FIGURED WRONG!

MEBBE SO--BUT I **STILL** DON'T INTEND TO EVER TURN MUH BACK ON 'IM!

HERE HE COMES **NOW!**

GOT IM!

UHHH...

I TIED THE KID TIGHT ENOUGH SO THAT IT'LL TAKE 'IM HOURS TO GET FREE! MEANTIME, I GOT THINGS TO DO!

MISTER, DID I SEE YOU LOOKIN' SIDEWAYS AT ME?

N-NO, KID! I DIDN'T-- HONEST!

WELL, SEE THAT, YUH NEVER **DO!**

I LIKE THAT POCKET WATCH ON YORE VEST, MISTER! **HAND IT OVER!**

WHAT? B-BUT IT'S **MINE!**

I RECKON YUH MIGHT WANT TO MAKE ME A **GIFT** OF IT, MISTER! OR ARE YUH TRYIN' TO BE UNFRIENDLY?

NO! **NO!** I'M NOT UNFRIENDLY, KID! HONEST! I'LL GIVE IT TO YUH--**SURE,** I WILL!

YOU ALL HEARD HIM, DIDN'T YUH? HE **GAVE** IT TO ME--AS A GIFT--RIGHT??

SURE, KID!

YOU BET!

IT WAS A GIFT... RIGHT ENOUGH!

PART 2

WE WERE **WRONG** ABOUT THE KID! HE'S EVEN **WORSE** THAN HE'S MADE OUT TO BE! RECKON A LEOPARD CAN'T HARDLY CHANGE HIS SPOTS!

THIS IS EASIER THAN I THOUGHT! NOW I'LL GET ME A STAKE AT THE BANK AND BLOW TOWN! AND WHEN THE **REAL** KID FINALLY APPEARS, **HE'S** THE ONE WHO'LL GET BLAMED!

WE GOTTA GIT UP A POSSE AND **STOP** 'IM AFORE' HE TREES THE WHOLE TOWN!

MPPPFFFF...

Stan Lee

EVERY MANJACK OF YUH REACH FOR THE CEILING, OR YUH'LL FACE THE GUNS OF THE RAWHIDE KID!

DON'T SHOOT, KID! WE'LL REACH!

SOMEONE GO FOR THE SHERIFF! GIT UP A POSSE! HURRY!

A FEW MINUTES LATER...

IT WORKED! NOW FOR THE LAST PART OF MY PLAN...

HERE YUH ARE, KID! YORE FREE NOW! BUT NOT FOR LONG!! HAW! HAW!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT WAS ALL ABOUT--BUT I'LL **FIND** THAT HOMBRE SOONER OR LATER... I **SWEAR** IT!

THERE HE IS! I **SEE** HIM!

WHAT DID HE DO WITH HIS CLOTHES?

MUSTA THOUGHT WE WOULDN'T RECOGNIZE 'IM IF HE HID 'EM!

THAT WON'T HELP 'IM! WE GOT 'IM FOR **SURE** NOW!

HUH? HEY! WAIT--YOU'RE ALL MAKIN' A BIG MISTAKE!

YORE THE ONE WHO MADE A BIG MISTAKE, KID!

AND IT'LL BE YORE **LAST**-- AS SOON AS THE SHERIFF GITS BACK!

IT WAS THE HOMBRE WHO TRIED TO ROB THE STAGE! I'D RECOGNIZE THOSE COLD EYES OF HIS ANYWHERE! HE MUSTA PULLED A JOB HERE IN TOWN AND SOMEHOW BLAMED IT ON ME! I'VE GOT TO GIT **OUT** OF HERE! I'VE **GOT** TO!

HERE'S YORE GRUB, KID! EAT HEARTY! IT'LL PROBABLY BE YOUR LAST MEAL, BECAUSE THAT CROWD OUTSIDE LOOKS MIGHTY MEAN!

IT'S ABOUT TIME! I'M STARVIN'!

BUT NOT FOR **FOOD!**

SCANT SECONDS LATER...

I'M STARVIN' FOR **REVENGE**-- AND I AIM TO HAVE MY FILL ... **PRONTO!**

NOT LONG AFTERWARDS...

LET'S GO, OLD MAN! STAGE IS DUE TO LEAVE NOW!

I'M GITTIN' AS FAST AS I CAN, SONNY!

AIN'T EXPECTIN' NO **TROUBLE** ON THIS RUN, ARE YE, SONNY? I'M HANKERIN' FOR A NICE, PEACEFUL RIDE!

CAN'T GUARANTEE IT, OLD MAN! THE RAWHIDE KID IS HIDIN' OUT SOMEWHERE IN THESE PARTS!

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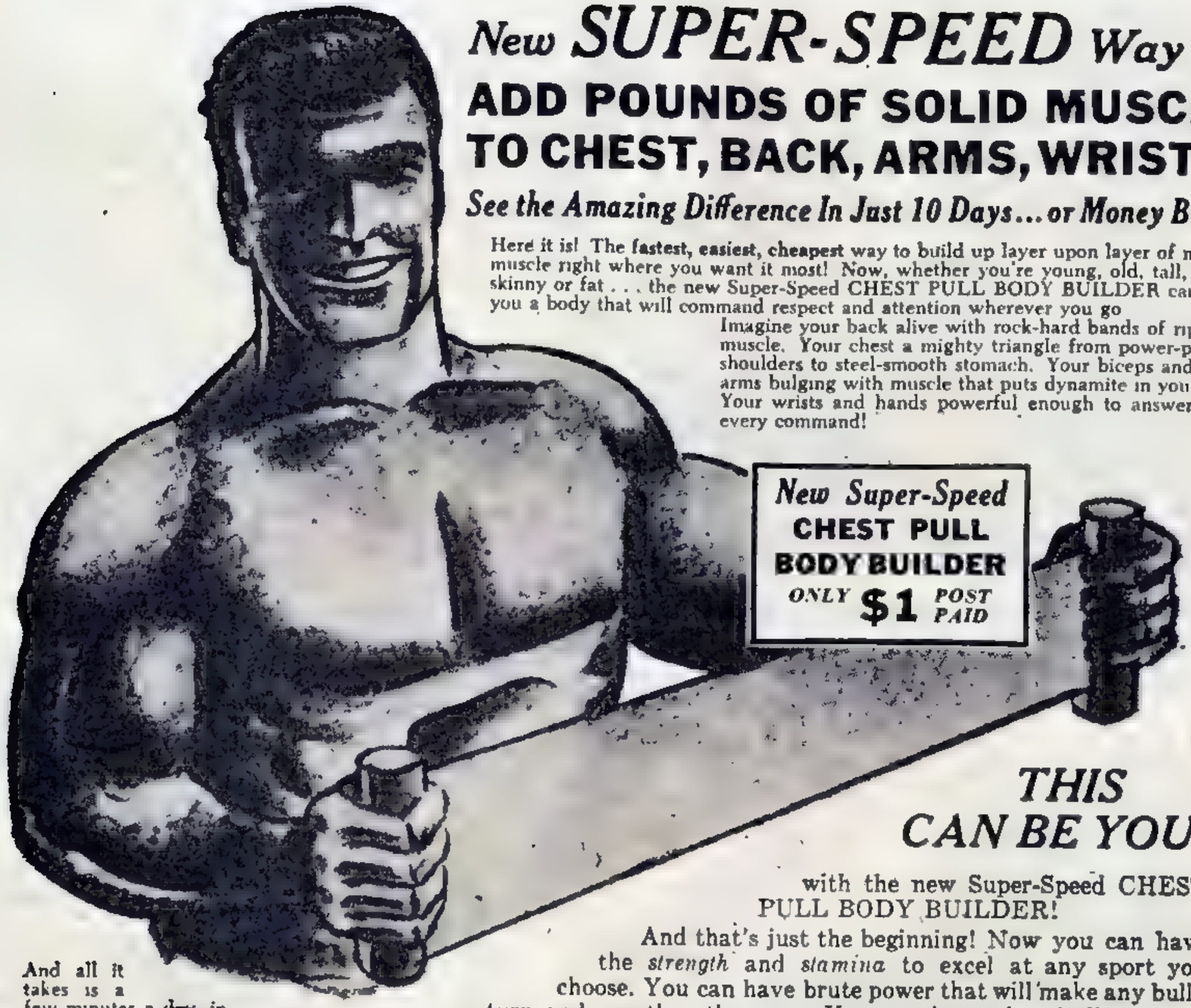

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THE RAWHIDE KID! THEN WHY AIN'T WE GOT A MILITARY ESCORT?

DON'T WORRY, GRAMPS! I GOT ME A LONG RIFLE HERE THAT'S JUST **ITCHIN'** TO GIT THE KID IN ITS SIGHTS!

BUT THERE IS **ANOTHER** LONG RIFLE HIDDEN IN THE SILVER CITY PASS--ONE WHICH IS FATED TO SPEAK **FIRST!**

I MIGHT AS WELL LEAVE THESE PARTS IN A BLAZE OF GLORY! I'LL MAKE MY GETAWAY IN MY OWN STAGE! HAW! HAW!

THIS HERE TELESCOPE SIGHT IS ALL I NEED! THAT DRIVER WON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED!

KA-POWWW!

THE OUTLAW MADE NO IDLE BOAST! HIS FIRST SHOT BLASTS THE DRIVER'S LONG RIFLE RIGHT OFF THE STAGE!

AMBUSH!

WANNA MAKE A FIGHT OF IT, HOMBRE-- OR WILL YOU STOP REAL PEACEABLE?

I'LL STOP! DON'T SHOOT--I'LL STOP!

YOU AND THAT OLD MAN IN THERE, GIT OUT! YORE GONNA WALK BACK TO TOWN WHILE I DRIVE THIS STAGE AWAY! THIS IS THE RAWHIDE KID'S GOIN'-AWAY PRESENT TO SILVER CITY! HAW! HAW!

THE KID! I SHOULDA KNOWN!

WHA--? WHAT'S **HAPPENIN'?**

BE QUIET, OLD MAN! THAT THERE'S THE RAWHIDE KID!

HIM? NO HE **AIN'T!** HE'S JUST A YELLA HOMBRE HIDIN' BEHIND A MASK!

LISTEN, GRAMPA, I DON'T CARE **HOW** OLD YUH ARE! **NOBODY** TALKS THAT WAY TO **ME!**

DON'T SHOOT 'IM, KID! HE DIDN'T MEAN IT!

I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF, SONNY!

YUH TALK TOO MUCH, MISTER! I'M GONNA LET YUH **BOTH** HAVE IT!

NO! **DON'T!**

YOU'RE **THRU** THREATENIN' PEOPLE, MISTER!

KA-POW!

HUH?

THE **KID!**

I HAD A **HUNCH** YUH'D TRY TO AMBUSH THE STAGE AGAIN ON YORE WAY TO THE BORDER-- AND I KNEW I'D RECOGNIZE THOSE EYES OF YORE'S ANYWHERE!

WELL, WELL--YUH **DO** LOOK A MITE LIKE ME, DON'T YUH? BUT I'LL SOON CHANGE **THAT!**

WHA--? WHAT ARE YUH GONNA **DO?**

WHAP!

THIS!

WELL, I RECKON THAT **DOES** IT!

NOT **YET**, KID! RAISE YORE HANDS!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT, BUT I'M HOLDIN' YOU UNTIL THE **SHERIFF** CAN STRAIGHTEN IT OUT! AND HERE HE COMES **NOW!**

NO--YUH **CAN'T!** IF A LAWMAN GETS ME, IT'LL MEAN JAIL FOR ME! NO BADGE-TOTER WOULD EVER BELIEVE I WAS INNOCENT!

I WOULD, KID!

YOU? **YORE** THE SHERIFF?

GLAD YUH GOT BACK TO TOWN NOW, SHERIFF! I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO **DO** WITH 'IM!

AIN'T NOTHIN' TO DO WITH THE RAWHIDE KID BUT LET 'IM RIDE ON! I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED IN TOWN, KID... BUT I'VE SEEN YOU IN ACTION, AND YOU'LL DO TO RIDE THE RIVER WITH! TAKE YORE CLOTHES FROM THAT HOMBRE AND GO YOUR WAY!

SHERIFF, I RECKON IF ALL LAWMEN WERE LIKE YOU, I WOULDN'T BE A WANTED MAN TODAY! I'LL NEVER FORGET YOU FOR THIS!

AND SO THE SAGA OF THE SHOWDOWN IN SILVER CITY WAS ENDED... AND THE RAWHIDE KID WAS FREE TO RIDE ON INTO NEW ADVENTURES, BECAUSE HIS PATH HAD BRIEFLY CROSSED THAT OF ANOTHER LEGENDARY FIGURE-- ONE WHO WAS EQUALLY FAMOUS IN HIS OWN RIGHT -- UNDER THE NAME OF PAT GARRETT! . . .

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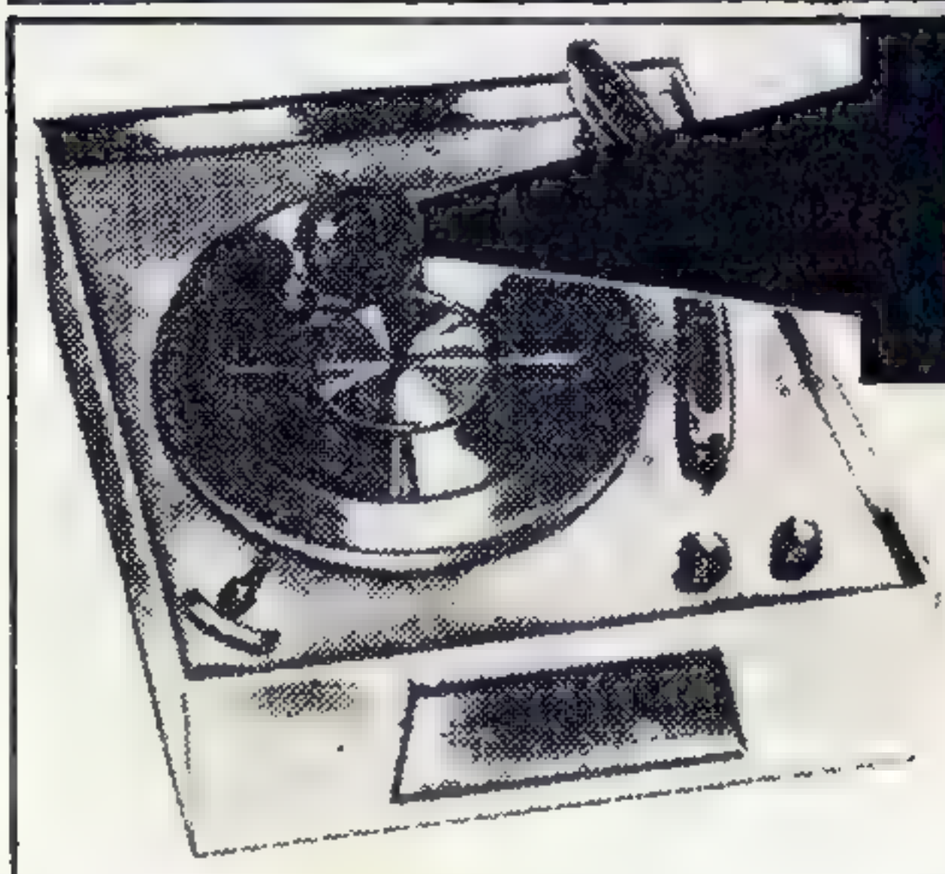

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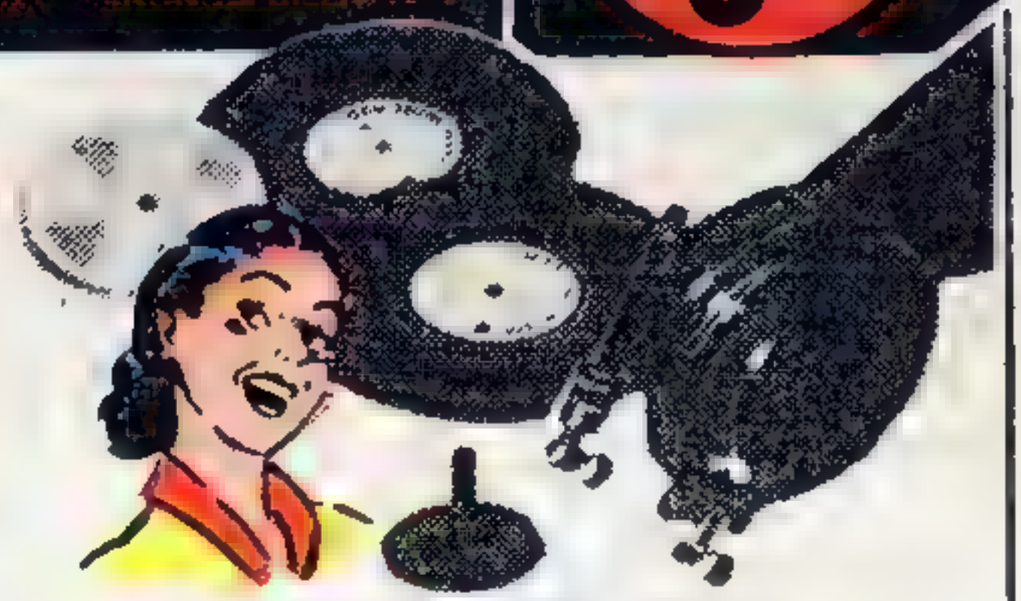

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WELL, MARY, THIS IS SAGEBRUSH! I HOPE YOU'LL BE HAPPY HERE, DEAR!

I'LL BE HAPPY IN ANY TOWN AS LONG AS I'M WITH *YOU*, CLAY!

IT WAS JUST A MAN AND HIS WIFE, AND ALL THEIR WORLDLY POSSESSIONS, RIDING IN TO THE WILD TOWN OF SAGEBRUSH, ON THAT HOT MUGGY DAY IN MAY! NO ONE PAID THEM MUCH HEED, FOR FOLKS NEVER PAY MUCH HEED TO A MAN WITHOUT A GUN...NO ONE THAT IS, EXCEPT...

HEY, STRANGER, WHAT'S WRONG? DID SOMEONE STEAL YORE GUNS?

CAREFUL, DARLING! THAT MAN IS LOOKING FOR TROUBLE!

DON'T WORRY, MARY!

W Stan Lee and DICK AYERS

NOBODY STOLE 'EM, HOMBRE! I GOT NO USE FOR GUNS!

ANY HOMBRES WHO GOT NO USE FOR GUNS ARE CHICKEN-LIVERED!

HAW! LOOK AT THE NEW SETTLER IN SAGEBRUSH — *WITHOUT A GUN!*

NEXT THING YUH KNOW WE'LL BE GETTIN' OLD LADIES AND LITTLE INFANTS SETTLIN' HERE!

LOOK, MISTER— MY NAME'S *CLAY HARDER*, AND THIS IS MY WIFE, *MARY*. WE AIN'T LOOKIN' FOR TROUBLE! WE JUST WANNA SETTLE HERE PEACEFUL!

WELL, **MY** NAME'S *LUNK ROBERTS!* AND YOU STAY OUT OF MUH WAY, MISTER, BECAUSE I **WEAR** A GUN, AND I PLUMB LIKE TO USE IT ON *YELLA-BELLIES!*

SAVVY?

I RECKON I SAVVY ALL RIGHT!

I RECKON THAT THERE'S THE MOST SPINELESS HOMBRE I EVER SAW IN MUH LIFE!

AW, LET 'IM BE, LUNK! HE AIN'T BOTHERIN' NO ONE!

NO ONE TELLS *LUNK ROBERTS* WHAT TO DO!

NO ONE!

CLAY HARDER AND HIS WIFE BOUGHT A PLOT OF GROUND AND BUILT A FARM HOUSE. THEY SPENT THE WEEKS THAT FOLLOWED TILLING THE SOIL AND MINDING THEIR OWN BUSINESS. THEY WERE GOOD WEEKS, HAPPY WEEKS...

DINNER IS READY, CLAY!

BE RIGHT THERE, DARLIN'!

AND THEN, THINGS DREW TO A HEAD, STARTING WITH THE APPEARANCE OF — *THE SHERIFF!*

HOWDY, FOLKS! HOW BE YOU?

EVERYTHING'S JUST FINE, SHERIFF!

CARE TO JOIN US IN SOME DINNER, SHERIFF?

NO THANK YUH, MA'AM. JUST CAME BY TO WARN YOU! THIS IS A TOUGH COUNTRY, AND THOUGH I TRY TO KEEP PEACE AS BEST I CAN, I'M ONLY ONE MAN AND I CAN'T BE EVERYWHERE!

I'D FEEL A MITE HAPPIER IF I KNEW YUH HAD A ***GUN*** ON YOUR LAND, MR. HARDER!

I APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERN, SHERIFF, BUT I DON'T BELIEVE IN FIREARMS! MARY AND I WILL JUST TAKE OUR CHANCES WITHOUT ANY GUNS!

I SUSPICIONED YUH'D SAY THAT! WELL, NOTHIN' MORE I CAN DO HERE! IF YUH NEED ME ... SEND A MESSAGE AND I'LL COME A'RUNNIN'!

THANK YOU, SHERIFF!

THE SHERIFF SEEMED WORRIED ABOUT YOU, CLAY! HE WAS TRYING TO WARN YOU!

IT WAS GOOD OF HIM, MARY— BUT I REFUSE TO PUT MUH FAITH IN GUNS!

SUDDENLY, WITHOUT ANY WARNING—

I WANNA TALK TO YUH, HARDER — ***NOW!***

LUNK ROBERTS!

THAT AIN'T NO WAY TO COME INTO A MAN'S HOUSE, ROBERTS!

I COME IN ANY WAY I PLEASE! SAVVY?

CLAY!

YUH 'LL BE SORRY FOR THAT!

HOLD IT, HARDER!

LUNK DON'T LIKE FOR PEOPLE TO THREATEN HIM, HARDER!

COWARDS! ALL OF YOU! IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE THOSE GUNS —

EASY, HONEY! I'LL HANDLE THIS!

HARDER, I WANNA BUY YORE LAND! I'LL PAY YUH TWENTY DOLLARS! HERE, SIGN THIS PAPER!

YORE **LOCO!** I PAID *TWO HUNDRED* FOR IT!

DIDN'T YUH HEAR THE BOSS SAY "*SIGN*", MISTER??

ARE YUH TIRED OF LIVIN'??

CLICK!

SIGN IT, CLAY— *PLEASE!* WE CAN ALWAYS MOVE TO ANOTHER TOWN AND START OVER AGAIN!

NO! I'M **THRU** BEIN' BULLIED BY EVERY TWO-BIT GUN-SLINGING JACKAL IN EVERY TOWN WE COME TO! THIS TIME WE'RE *STAYING*, MARY— AND ***FIGHTING!***

BEFORE ANYONE KNEW WHAT WAS HAPPENING, THE ANGRY CLAY HARDER LASHED OUT WITH THE BACK OF HIS HAND, SENDING THE MENACING RIFLE SPINNING ACROSS THE ROOM!

IN THE OTHER ROOM, MARY— QUICK! YOU'LL BE SAFE THERE!

EVERYONE SAYS I SHOULD HAVE A GUN— SO I'LL **GET** A GUN! I'LL TAKE **YOURS!**

THIS IS WHAT YUH BELIEVE IN, EH, LUNK? THE LAW OF THE SIX-GUN! ALL RIGHT, YUH **LIVED** BY THAT LAW, AND NOW...

NO! **NO!** I SWEAR I'LL NEVER BOTHER YUH AGAIN— I'LL LEAVE TOWN— ANYTHING— BUT DON'T SHOOT! *PLEASE!*

YUH'LL LEAVE ALL RIGHT, MISTER— *RIGHT NOW!*

AND **NEXT** TIME I CATCH SIGHT OF YUH, I WON'T BE SO EASY ON YUH— **SAVVY?**

W-WE *SAVVY!*

I'M **GLAD** YOU DID IT, CLAY! YOU WERE RIGHT— A MAN HAS TO MAKE A STAND SOMEWHERE AND FIGHT FOR HIS RIGHTS!

I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT THE ONLY WAY A MAN CAN REALLY FIND PEACE IS TO FIGHT FOR IT— TO **EARN** IT!

PERHAPS MANY PEOPLE LEARNED A LESSON THAT DAY! CERTAINLY LUNK ROBERTS DID! HE LEARNED NEVER TO TRY TO BULLY AN INNOCENT-LOOKING STRANGER, FOR YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN THE STRANGER MAY TURN OUT TO BE A RETIRED CAPTAIN OF THE *TEXAS RANGERS*, AS CLAY HARDER WAS!

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on his shirt. You needed dry hands, and steady nerves when you tangled with a lobo like Jeb Briggs, and Bob had the sudden feeling that he possessed neither of these.

Somehow he felt that when this encounter was over, he'd be dead. Briggs was too much the experienced gunman, with too many hundreds of killings to his credit, for a young marshal like Bob Slade to stand a chance in even an honest gunbattle with him.

Suddenly the sun disappeared behind the horizon, and the street grew grey, although the sky still showed slashes of red. As if sensing the moment, the laughter and talk from inside the saloon itself died away. And the tenseness of the moment increased.

He'd said good-bye to Josie, and Pop Reynolds who'd become like a father to him in such a short time. He'd made out a will, leaving half his savings to Josie and the other half to his folks back east.

He tested the draw of his gun once again, and almost as soon as he let the heavy metal slide back into leather, he heard it. The rhythmic jingling of musical spurs. The pace was a slow one, like the way you walked when you were going to a funeral. Whose funeral would they hold tonight? He felt the muscles in his neck bunch up, and his jaw trembled with tension. He had to cut that out. He had to relax or he would never be able to draw with any speed at all.

He relaxed.

Slowly — as slowly as the rhythm of the spurs told him Briggs was walking—he moved into the center of the street, and his boots kicked up little puffs of dust from the crusted wheel-ruts. Then he stopped, and waited. He could see the other man coming slowly, but relentlessly. The man who had nothing but contempt for law and order, and peaceful honest people. The man who had told the law to "get out of town by

sundown—or die!"

Bob stood there loose and relaxed, and caring for nothing except that this should be over and done with. He held his arms wide at his sides in position for the draw.

Jeb Briggs was close now. "I see you ain't took my advice, lawman."

Bob's answer exploded the evening air like a bombshell. *"Draw!"*

Briggs drew, and Bob drew just as fast. Bob fired, and then Briggs shot, but he seemed to hesitate a fatal moment and his lead shot up dust as it buried itself in the ground.

Bob stood there and watched the outlaw crumple to the ground. The man made another feeble attempt to fire, but it was a wild shot that buried itself in the side of a building across the street. The young marshal holstered his gun, and let his arms hang limp at his sides as he headed back to haul Jerry's prisoners off to the jail. He could still not understand why Briggs hesitated before firing. A gunman like him didn't make mistakes like that without a reason.

Then as he saw the three would-be-bushwhackers — still tied—he knew Briggs' fatal mistake. The man had expected his friends to cut Bob down before he ever drew, and when there was no sign of help—he had hesitated.

Bob smiled to himself, at the irony of it all. If the man hadn't planned the unfair set up, he might be alive now, and Bob would be lying there in the middle of the street.

The rugged sheriff knew he owed his life to the gangling youth who had warned him of the bushwhack plans . . . and he knew there was only one way he could thank him properly! Bob walked up to Jerry and pinned a five pointed star on the boy's chest.

"*Deputy* Jerry Knowles, help me haul these coyotes to the jailhouse."

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TOO BAD, WOMAN! I WARNED YOU-- THE MORTGAGE HAD TO BE PAID BY NOON TODAY, OR I TAKE OVER THE COTTAGE! NOW PACK UP AND **GET OUT!**

OF ALL THE LOW-DOWN, ORNERY POLECATS! THAT HOMBRE'S TRYIN' TO TAKE THAT LITTLE OLD LADY'S HOME AWAY! WELL, RECKON **THE RAWHIDE KID** WILL HAVE SOMETHIN' TO SAY ABOUT **THAT!**

Stan Lee

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MISTER, IT'S MIGHTY COLD OUT TODAY, AND THIS POOR OLD LADY HAS NO PLACE TO GO! HOW ABOUT LETTIN' HER STAY A MITE LONGER TILL SHE CAN RAISE THE MONEY SHE OWES YOU?

OH, THANK YOU, SON... THANK YOU FOR HELPING A POOR OLD WOMAN!

I DON'T TAKE KINDLY TO PEOPLE INTERFERIN' IN MY BUSINESS, STRANGER! NOW MAKE TRACKS, **SAVVY?**

WHACK!

...AND IN CASE YUH GOT ANY NOTION OF **TRYIN'** ANYTHIN', I'M ITCHIN' FOR A CHANCE TO USE THIS IRON!

LET HIM GO, UTAH! NO SENSE WASTIN' BULLETS ON EVERY JASPER WE MEET!

BEFORE I GO, HOMBRE, WOULD YUH MIND TELLIN' ME HOW MUCH THIS LADY OWES YUH FOR HER MORTGAGE?

SURE! ITS TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS! BET **YOU** AIN'T GOT THAT MANY **PENNIES,** SADDLE TRAMP!

I GOT ME **ONE** HUNDRED DOLLARS! IF'N I COULD JUST RAISE THE **OTHER** HUNDRED...

WELL, WELL, SO YOU GOT A HUNDRED DOLLARS, EH?

SUPPOSE I GIVE YOU A **CHANCE** TO RAISE THE OTHER HUNDRED! SUPPOSE YOU AND ME HAVE A LITTLE **SHOOT-OUT!**

DON'T DO IT, BOY! HE'S THE BEST SHOT IN THE COUNTY! YOU'LL LOSE YOUR MONEY...MAYBE EVEN YOUR **LIFE!**

BUT I RECKON IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO SAVE YOUR **HOUSE,** MA'AM!

I'LL BET YUH A HUNDRED DOLLARS I CAN OUT-SHOOT YUH!

YORE ON! MISTER!

SEE THAT SIGN HANGING YONDER? I'LL HIT IT WITH MUH FIRST SHOT!

HOTEL

YUH DID IT, BOSS!

KA-POW!

HOTEL

YORE TURN, SADDLE TRAMP! EITHER HIT IT ALSO, OR HAND OVER THE HUNDRED DOLLARS!

WHY BOTHER HITTING THE SIGN?

WHY NOT JUST HIT THE ROPE **ABOVE** THE SIGN...

KA-POW!

KA-POW!

...AND KNOCK THE SIGN TO THE GROUND! --LIKE **THAT!**

IT AIN'T POSSIBLE! HE DIDN'T EVEN **AIM!**

BAH! THAT WAS JUST A LUCKY FLUKE! NOW I'LL GIVE YUH A **REAL** TEST!

MISTER, YORE PLUMB SCARIN' ME TO DEATH!

UTAH, TOSS A SILVER DOLLAR INTO THE AIR, AND THEN STEP BACK!

SURE, BOSS!

POW! POW!

NOW WATCH **THIS!**

WOW! **SOME** SHOOTIN', BOSS! YUH NICKED IT **TWICE!**

ALL RIGHT, HOMBRE! LET'S SEE YUH TIE **THAT!**

SURE, MISTER! HOPE YUH DON'T MIND IF I USE **YORE** COIN!

HUH?!

I'D LIKE TO KEEP IT UP THERE **LONGER**, BUT I'M PLUMB RUNNIN' OUT OF BULLETS!

NOBODY CAN SHOOT LIKE THAT!

NOBODY 'CEPTIN'--

-- 'CEPTIN' THE **RAWHIDE KID!** AND HE'S OUT OF AMMO NOW! **GET 'IM!**

THE RAWHIDE KID! NOT **ME!** I DON'T TACKLE **HIM** EVEN IF HE AIN'T **GOT** A GUN!

WITH A PRICE ON YOUR HEAD, I'LL NOT ONLY SAVE MY HUNDRED DOLLARS --BUT I'LL MAKE A **PROFIT** ON YUH! HEH! HEH!

YOU HAVEN'T GOT ME **YET,** HOMBRE!

THE BULLETS FIRED BY BLADE INTO THE ROAD KICK UP SHARP CLOUDS OF DUST AS THE KID DRAWS HIS OTHER GUN!

RECKON **THIS'LL** EVEN THE ODDS A MITE!

NOW TO TAKE THE FIGHT OUT OF YOU, MISTER BLADE!

MUH GUN!

ALL RIGHT, SUPPOSE I GIVE YOU THE SAME CHANCE YOU WERE TRYIN' TO GIVE **ME!**

NO! **DON'T SHOOT!** I'LL DO **ANYTHING**-- I'LL GIVE HER BACK HER MORTGAGE-- ANYTHING-- BUT **DON'T SHOOT!**

'CLICK!

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AND, SECONDS LATER...

HOW-- HOW CAN I EVER **THANK** YOU, MY BOY?

NO NEED TO, MA'AM! I NEVER **KNEW** MY OWN MOTHER... BUT I IMAGINE SHE MUST HAVE BEEN SOMETHING LIKE YOU! IF I'VE HELPED YOU-- THAT'S THANKS ENOUGH!

AS FOR **YOU,** BLADE, IF I EVER HEAR THAT YOU DIDN'T LIVE UP TO THE TERMS OF OF YOUR AGREEMENT WITH THAT LADY, THEN I'LL BE BACK FOR YOU-- I SWEAR IT!

I'LL LIVE UP TO IT, KID-- I PROMISE!

THE **SHERIFF** WILL MAKE SURE OF THAT --I SENT HIM A COPY OF THE CONTRACT, WHICH SAYS YOU HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF MY GARDEN FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS!

YES, MANY ARE THOSE TO WHOM THE MEMORY OF THE RAWHIDE KID WILL NEVER DIE! RICH AND POOR, FAMOUS AND HUMBLE! FOR HE TOUCHED MANY LIVES...AND LEFT EACH PLACE A BETTER ONE FOR HIS PASSING THRU!!

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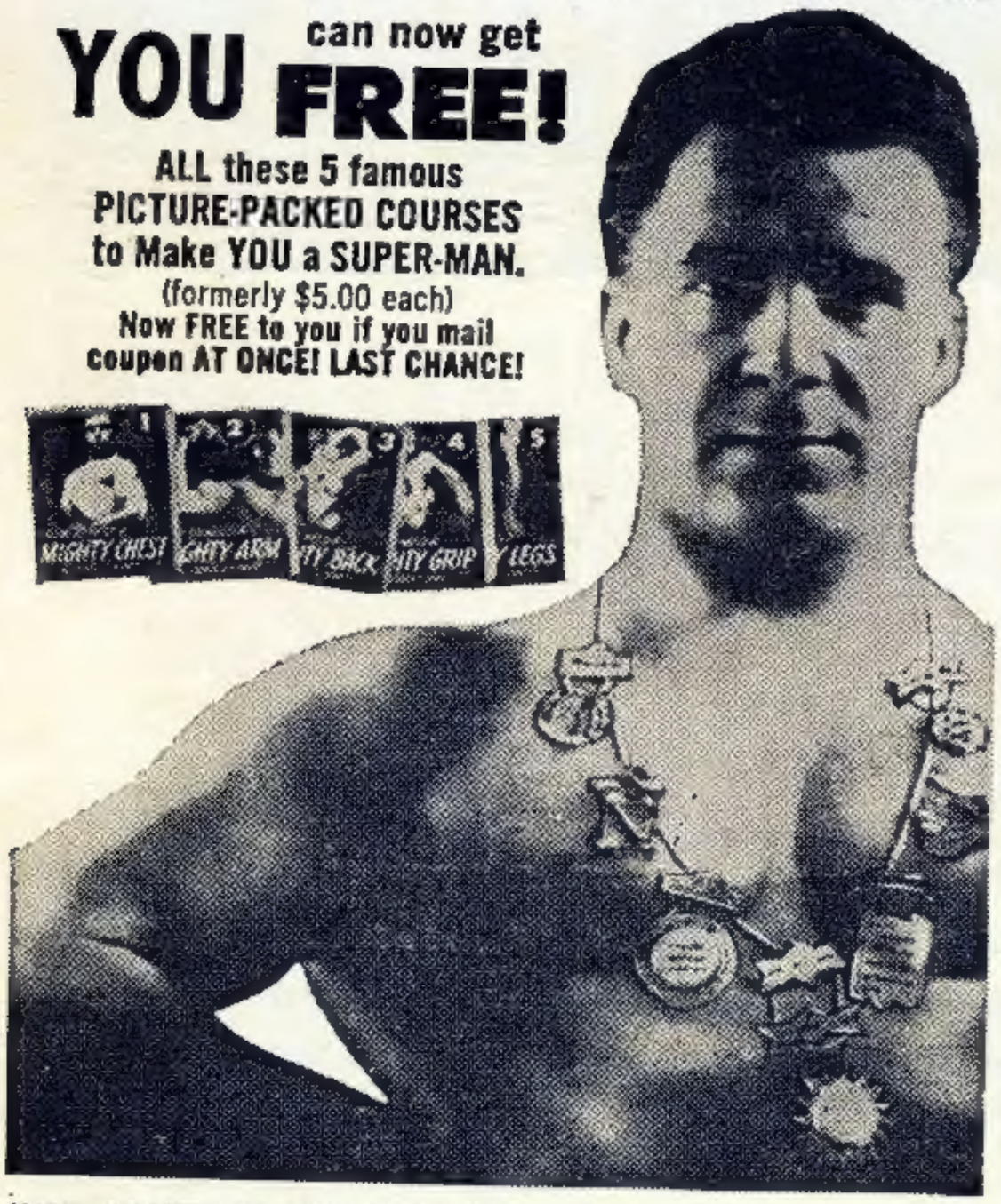

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